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SUB: POST- WAR PEOPLE- PROBLEMS AND THE CVT

1. A CVT THREE- DAY SEMINAR CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION BY THE GVN TO COPE WITH URGENT PROBLEMS CREATED BY MILLIONS OF WAR VICTIMS AND REFUGEES FROM COMMUNISM - CHRONIC UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDER- EMPLOYMENT - HIGH RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH AND THE NECESSITY FOR MILITARY DEMOBILIZATION AS HEAVY PRESSURES ON POLITICAL AND SOCIAL STABILITY. THE GVN WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO CREATE A NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY; A NATIONAL WAGE POLICY; A NATIONAL PLAN FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDE SKILL TRAINING IN INDUSTRIAL RATHER THAN SERVICES SKILLS; CREATE EDUCATION POLICIES THAT EMPHASIZE SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN MEET THE KNOWN NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE; AND THAT THE GVN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT POLICY MUST INCORPORATE THE PARTICIPATION BY VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY - PARTICULARLY THE WORKING CLASS.

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WM CVT PRESIDENT TRAN QUOC BUU PRESIDED OVER THE SEMINAR AND MINISTER OF LABOR DAM SY HIEN ADDRESSED THE GROUP ON THE VARIOUS EFFORTS THE GVN WAS MAKING TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS RAISED AT THE SEMINAR. THE SEMINAR WAS A CVT ACTIVITY FUNDED BY THE ASIAN AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE AND WAS ATTENDED BY A TOTAL OF 30 CVT PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF THE UPPER AND LOWER HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

3. THE THREE MAIN TOPICS OF THE SEMINAR WERE ANALYSIS OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT; THE ROLE OF MANPOWER PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION IN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT; AND THE ROLES OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR AND THE CVT IN NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION.

4. COMMENT: BUU IS OBVIOUSLY CONVINCED THAT POST- CEASEFIRE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IS FERTILE GROUND FOR HIM AND THE CVT. AS HE HAS BEEN FOND OF SAYING, PEOPLE- PROGRAMS ARE CVT PROGRAMS. EXACTLY HOW CVT INTENDS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN RECONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND MANPOWER PROGRAMS WAS SPELLED OUT. HOWEVER, THE NEED TO BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN THE GVN AND THE PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS BE HIGH ON THE LIST OF GVN PRIORITIES. THE CVT CAN BE AN IMPORTANT MEANS OF COMMUNICATION THAT RAPIDLY CHANGING TIMES MUST HAVE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE CONFUSION AND THE DISTORTION OF PROGRAMS INTENDED TO EASE THE PAIN OF TRANSITION FROM WARTIME TO PEACE. THE CVT INTENDS TO CONDUCT SEMINARS OF THIS TYPE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE PROGRAMMED ANALYSIS OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BECAME MORE AN ANALYSIS OF FUTURE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
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